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## Late Breaking News!

\$5000 Reward for Capture of Steve Anderson!  
Anti-Taliban Allied Forces Radio Heard on 8700!

# The Managing Editor's Page

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There have been several last-minute developments on the pirate and clandestine radio front this month!

As George Zeller reports in his column, United Patriot Radio operator Steve Anderson is on the lam from the cops! On October 15, a Bell County, Kentucky deputy sheriff stopped Anderson. Anderson said he was a militia member, that he was "on patrol," then opened up on the officer's car with a fully automatic AK-47 and, as NBC News reported, "shot it all to pieces." Anderson drove into the mountains in his 1990 Chevrolet pickup, which was painted in camouflage colors and patterns. The pickup was later found, and pipe bombs were inside. Police descriptions said Anderson was about 6'2", 235 pounds, and with green eyes and brown hair, wearing glasses. A warrant charging Anderson with attempted murder was issued, and a \$5000 reward is being offered for information leading to his arrest. Kentucky police believe Anderson has had survival training and is in hiding in the mountains. Press reports also say that associates of Anderson say he had been taking medication for behavioral disorders, but that he had recently stopped taking it. He also reportedly had a 17-year old girlfriend. The accompanying photo of Anderson in news stories shows an obviously troubled guy—ever see someone whose eyes are looking in opposite directions? That was Steve in the photos. Perhaps by coincidence, Anderson held an Extra Class ham radio license before turning it in because he didn't recognize the FCC's authority. Okay, so he's nuts! At least he's proficient in Morse code!

This development may mean QSLs from United Patriot Radio will be delayed.

The U.S.-sponsored anti-Taliban radio is being heard well on 8700 kHz USB around 0030 to 0130 UTC with music and announcements. I have seen reports that 8700 was selected because it is a common frequency for the Taliban military, but these reports are unconfirmed.

*Harry*

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## DIALOGS November 2001

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### LATE LOGS

**Jolly Roger Radio International** ([jrradio@hotmail.com](mailto:jrradio@hotmail.com))

- 09/16/01, 0454-0526, 6239A - mx - country. Texas-sounding announcer. ID of "JRR1 - International Shortwave Radio." (RD-PA)

**KMUD** ([vlfradio@trix.com](mailto:vlfradio@trix.com))

- 09/02/01, 0146-0234, 6952A - "They don't make hippies like they used to!" (ZR-AZ 323)
- 09/08/01, 0147-0315, 6952A - mx - Indian Raga. (RZ-AZ 322)
- 09/10/01, 0329-0440+, 6952A - mx - New Riders of the Purple Sage. (ZR-AZ 322)

**KRMI** ([krmi6955@hotmail.com](mailto:krmi6955@hotmail.com))

- 0357-0400, 6955U - caught last minutes of show. (ZR-AZ 233)

**Radio Nova International** ([rni@onmailk.co.uk](mailto:rni@onmailk.co.uk))

- 09/16/01, 0409-0449, 7450A - mx - rock. Plenty of IDs and email address given, really a test transmission on (what is for them) a new frequency. (RD-PA)

**Unid**

- 09/03/01, 0244-0249, 6952A - mentioned "Yahweh." (ZR-AZ 333)

### FROM ACROSS THE POND

**Alfa Lima International** (*Hoogeveen*)

- 10/06/01, 2307-2340, 15070A - host Alfred talking with Radio Jack of Scandinavian Weekend Radio, taking phone calls and reading listeners' email reports. (RD-PA)
- 10/07/01, 0430-0445+, 15070A - mx - "Those were the Days". Announcer talk, ID. (CL-MA 333)

**Classic Rock Radio** (*Herten*)

- 09/30/01, 0403-0500+, 7470U - mx - Toto, CCR, Kansas, Mr. Mister, Queen. (LR-NH 352)(CL-MA)

**FRS Holland** (*Herten*)

- 10/07/01, 0215-0355, 7450A - mx - rock. IDs by OM announcers as "FRS Holland" and "Free Radio Service Holland." (RD-PA)

**Mike Radio** ([mikradio48@hotmail.com](mailto:mikradio48@hotmail.com))

- 10/07/01, 0512-0602, 9290A - mx - cuts from "Saturday Night Fever." Numerous IDs, Netherlands mail drop and Hotmail email address given. (RD-PA)

### NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

**All Your Base Radio** ([aybradio@yahoo.com](mailto:aybradio@yahoo.com))

- 10/20/01, 0011-0022, 6955U - mx - computer-generated. Loop of "All your base are belong to us." Contact info and signoff with CW message. (JS-NE 433)

**Blind Faith Radio** ([blindfaithradio@yahoo.com](mailto:blindfaithradio@yahoo.com))

- 10/20/01, 1536-1547\*, 6955U - eating when having had a few, old pop mx, "Stump the Canadians" with mystery tunes for Canadian listeners - particularly Niel Wolfish. (AF 222)

**Buckwheat Radio** ([buckwheatradio@hotmail.com](mailto:buckwheatradio@hotmail.com))

- 09/23/01, 0204-0241, 6950U - mx - "Telstar", "Walk, don't Run". "Ten full watts of whatever". (AF 322)(JS-NE - he reported 6955U?)

**Ground Zero Radio** ([gzrsw@usa.net](mailto:gzrsw@usa.net))

- 10/21/01, 0054-0112, 15065U - Halloween tale followed by "Sympathy for the Devil." (FM-NH 343)

**He-Man Radio** (*Blue Ridge Summit*)

- 09/21/01, 0221-0253, 6955U - Art Bell bumper program. (Pse QSL DC-IN 424)
- 09/26/01, 0253-0303 - 6955U - mx - "Midnight at the Oasis." Said originally broadcast on 09/11. (JS-NE 211)

**KMUD** ([vlfradio@trix.com](mailto:vlfradio@trix.com))

- 09/29/01, 0047-0115+, 6951A - usual variety of mx. (ZR-AZ 233)

- 10/06/01, 0146-0300+, 6952A – mx – Jefferson Airplane. (ZR-AZ 323)
- 10/13/01, 0130-0200+, 6952A – mx – Celtic. (ZR-AZ 233)
- 10/14/01, 0239-0320, 6952A – space mx. (ZR-AZ 323)

#### Paragon Radio (Unknown)

- 10/06/01, 0144-0204, 6955U – mx – traditional Blues. (ZR-AZ 433)
- 10/08/01, 0149-0201\*, 6955U – mx – country/bluegrass. Bad joke about cows. (AF 333)
- 10/10/01, 0201-0204, 6955U – mx – banjo. George Carlin comedy clip. (Pse QSL JS-NE)
- 10/14/01, 0221, 6955U – mx – jazz. Very weak. (AF 142)
- 10/21/01, 0040-0115\*, 6955U – mx – jazz/blues. The reading of the prices of various items and "avoid sleeping behind the wheel!" (AF 232)(Pse QSL DC-IN 545)(Pse QSL FM-NH 333)(Pse QSL JS-NE)

#### Radio 3 (A.C.E.)

- 10/11/01, 0148-0216\*, 6955A – mx – "No More Cat Farts", "Dirty Deeds." (AF 422)(JS-NE 322)

#### Radio 40 (radio\_forty@hotmail.com)

- 10/14/01, 0027-0030, 6950U – mx – early rock oldies. (JS-NE)

#### Radio Bingo (radiobingo@chek.com)

- 09/30/01, 0136, 6950A – mx – rap. Loops from Beatles' tune. Dedication to Bozo. Sal Ammoniac, "Death to the New World Order". (AF 232)
- 10/01/01, 0230, 6955A – very weak. Sounds like repeat of 09/30/01 show. Greetings from Ravi. (AF 131)
- 10/19/01, 0155-0201\*, 6925A – "This is Captain Ron", "Praise Yahweh", Merlin drop given. (AF 433)
- 10/20/01, 0140, 6925A – mx – "Look Sharp", "Love is the Drug." Clips from Yahweh Radio and the immortal Jimmy Da Weasel. (AF 423)

#### Radio Toronto (Merlin)

- 09/27/01, 0109, 6950L – an interview with Mr. Bill Reynolds who drives a train. (AF 344) (If I remember correctly, this might be a rebroadcast of an old show from a good while ago – Lee)

#### Sycko Radio (psycoradiohd@yahoo.com)

- 10/01/01, 0254, 6955U – mx – Nine Inch Nails. (AF 131)
- 10/09/01, 0418-0445\*, 6955? – mx – Black Betty. Gave Yahoo drop. (JC-ON 433)
- 10/14/01, 0301-0425, 6955U – sci-fi oldie "X Minus One." (ZR-AZ 333)(JS-NE 433)
- 10/14/01, 0435-0445+, 6955U – station ID w/email address given, phone call w/OM talking about balls of RF falling from the sky. (CL-MA 232)
- 10/15/01, 0048-0209+, 6950U – Star Trek parody, "Fart Bomb" to use on Mister Bin Laden. (Gross, yet tasteful!) (JS-NE) (ZR-AZ 322)
- 10/16/01, 0231-0302, 6955U – funny stuff, some sort of ditty. (AF 242)(ZR-AZ 333)
- 10/21/01, 0324+, 6955U – more freeform insanity from this man. He got the "@##\$! Urge to transmit!" (JS-NE)

#### Take It Easy Radio (Belfast)

- 09/30/01, 0219-0254\*, 6955U – old time radio – "The Adventures of Harry Niles", greetings to Radio Bingo, Captain Ron, sneaking one past Al Fansome. (AF 343)(Pse QSL DC-IN 544)
- 10/15/01, 0040, 6950U – "the radio is on", "this is ultra shortwave", "we will rock you." (AF 333)
- 10/17/01, 0021, 6955U – comedy skit, "Do you listen to Sycko Radio?" (AF 333)
- 10/21/01, 0231-0305\*, 6955U – patriotically themed show. Mention of "Fansoming", also Neil Diamond tune. (AF 444)(JS-NE)

#### United Patriot Militia Bingo Radio (yahwehradio6925@yahoo.com)

- 09/30/01, 0148-0216+, 6949A – Colonel Anderson, clips from the Brownyard Croquet (te) Tournament. (JS-NE)
- 09/30/01, \*1301-1346\*, 6953A – mx – rock. Cameos appearances by Sal Ammoniac, Doctor Tornado, Captain Ganja, James Brownyard and the infamous George Zeller. YL praises Yahweh. (GZ-OH)
- 10/03/01, 0222+, 6955A – repeat of the early 09/30 broadcast. (JS-NE)
- 10/05/01, 0323-0335+, 6950A – clips from Revolution Number 9, Captain Ganja talking about croquet, Alan Masyga, Bozo, YL announcer at 0326. (Pse QSL LR-NH 544)
- 10/21/01, 0112-0155, 6925A – Colonel Anderson is on the run, Captain Ganja checks in – all backed with the usual sound collage. (Pse QSL FM-NH 444)(JS-NE)

#### WHYP (Providence)

- 09/22/01, 0019-0048\*, 6945A – mx – Devo, Vapors, Thomas Dolby. Bozo bits. (GM-CT 434)
- 10/07/01, 1542-1559\*, 6953A – mx – "Love is the Drug", "Creep". Some IDs. (GZ-OH 354) (AF 242)
- 10/08/01, 0001-0057\*, 6952A – mx – Dead Kennedys, James Brown, Ian Dury. Audio clip of Bozo, host is James Brownyard. Listener appreciation show #7. "Zeller on the back porch" and "Hotel JTA". (CL-MA 232)(AF 433)(GM-CT 534)(JS-NE)
- 10/13/01, 0204-0233, 6955A – listener appreciation show #8 dedicated to Lee Reynolds. More vocal magic and talk of flatulence from WHYP. (AF 433)(LR-NH 455)(JS-NE)
- 10/14/01, 0021-0113\*, 6935A – repeat of show #8. (AF 444)(JS-NE)

- 10/16/01, 0036-0120, 6925(?)A – Ravi Brownyard taking a call from Al Fansome. Seemed to be a Halloween show – "The Search for James Brownyard's Record Collection." (CL-MA 333)(JS-NE)

#### WMFQ (Providence)

- 09/26/01, 0305-0309, 6944A(?) – mx – "California Girls", abrupt signoff. (JS-NE)

#### Z-100 (bigz100fm@yahoo.com)

- 10/15/01, 0210-0234+, 6955U – mx – "Island Girl", "Happy Together", canned IDs between cuts. (AF 312)(CL-MA 232)(ZR-AZ 322)(Pse QSL JS-NE)

### TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

#### The Voice of the Angry Bastard?

- 09/22/01, 2336, 6950A – OM announcer, some music. Very tough copy. Fisherman QRM. (AF 322)

#### UNID

- 09/30/01, 0523-0538\*, 6955U – speeches by JFK. (AF 444)
- 10/02/01, 0320-0335+, 6955A – a tale about the origins of The Shadow w/mx between scenes. (JS-NE)
- 10/06/01, 0150-0203, 6955U – mx – blues. Good mix. OM announcer. (Pse QSL FM-NH 222)
- 10/08/01, 0006-0040, 6950A – too much het noise to decipher. (ZR-AZ 222)
- 10/09/01, 0257, 6955U – heard Radio Nederland interval signal. (JC-ON 444)
- 10/11/01, 0147-0219, 6955A – mx – rock. Thought I heard Fearless Fred??? (RZ-AZ 232)
- 10/14/01, 0006-0009\*, 6950U – mx. (AF 242 – later heard from horse's mouth that this was Captain Ron)
- 10/14/01, 0210-0220, 6955U – mx – blues/rock. (ZR-AZ 222)
- 10/15/01, 0235-0245+, 6955U – mx. (ZR-AZ 222)
- 10/19/01, 0212-0225, 6955U – mx – C&W. National Weather Radio. Muddy audio hampered listening to the station when it mentioned being from Andromeda and the Planet of the Women. (JS-NE)
- 10/20/01, 0010-0019+, 6955U – mx – techno. OM announcer. Drowned out by CW at 0019 (FM-NH 212)
- 10/21/01, 0407-0445+, 6935U – two "good buddies" passing the time with laconic and witty commentary upon the NYC tribute concert then showing on VH-1. (JS-NE)
- 10/21/01, 2058, 6951A – mx – "Barbara Ann." Faded out by 2100. (AF 322)
- 10/21/01, 2152, 6951A – mx – "Walk Like An Egyptian." (AF 322)
- 10/21/01, 2303, 6950A – mx – "Manic Monday." (AF 322)(Al suspects these three loggings were the same station)

#### WHYP?

- 10/07/01, 1825-1832\*, 6953A – "Annie, are you OK?" No ID but almost certainly WHYP. (AF 322)

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## RAMBLINGS

FYI: Courtesy of the estimable Jimmy Kershaw at United Patriot Militia Bingo (via John Sedlacek) the *true, official, one and only* addresses for UPMB are –

Yahwehradio6925@yahoo.com

or

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Merlin, ONT N0P 1W0  
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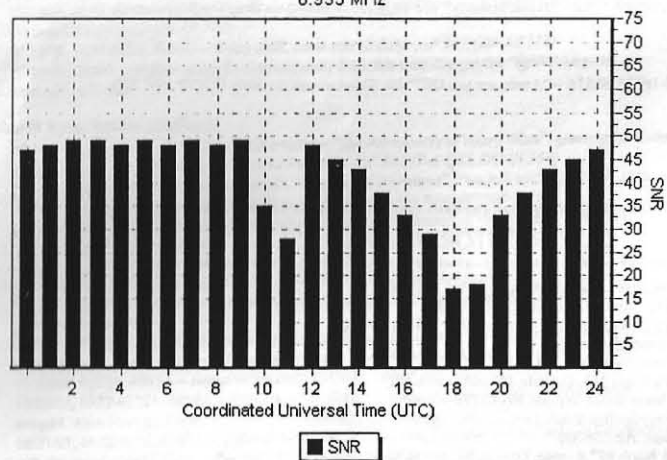
- so now's your chance to help the Major with his problems with his ball machine! (Note: The email did say 6925 and not 6955.....I just reports 'em as they sends 'em.....)

Zeke Russell checked in after a brief hiatus, he's been hearing KMUD all over Oregon, Wyoming and Arizona. It's a great pity that us East Coast slickers don't get to hear them anywhere near so much.

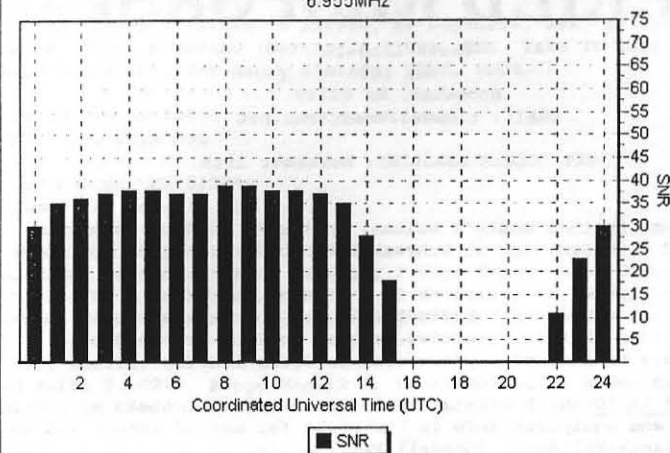
## PROPAGATION

Well, the listening season is finally here – natural noise levels are declining (even if the sun is kicking up a ruckus) and the nights are getting longer – which makes for better propagation on 6955! Try comparing the charts below with those from the middle of summer and you'll see what I mean!

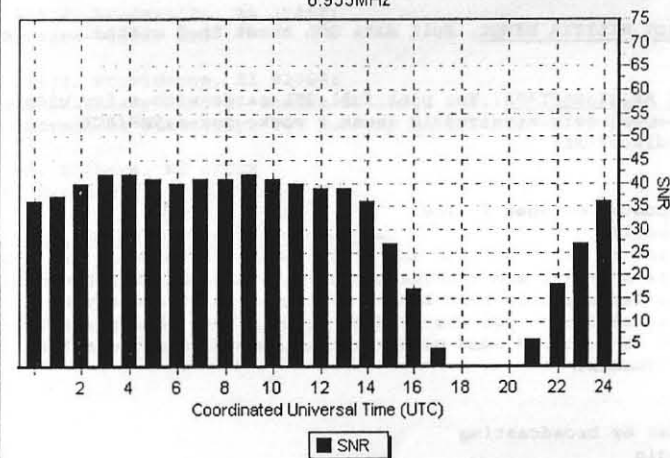
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# VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: November 19th.

Hi and welcome to this month's column. My thanks to Paul Lerner of New York and John Sedlacek of Nebraska for their reports. How about you?

The updated and truncated DIRECTORY follows. I went through it and deleted stations that are inactive, busted or I never heard of. Please be sure to send me any corrections to me ASAP.

CLASSIC ROCK RADIO-Dutch Pirate. Full data sheet with photo of transmitter and equipment info in two weeks for mailed report and US \$2.00. [Sedlacek-NE] Same. [Lobdell-MA]

KIPM. Another unique sheet showing alien brains battling pirates received in 6 weeks from the imagination of Alan Maxwell. [Sedlacek-NE]

WAIR-ALL INDIE RADIO. Unique and beautiful translucent full data sheet with picture of Robert J. Yardbrown. Received in about 5 weeks for FRN/ACE log. [Sedlacek-NE]

UNITED PATRIOT MILITIA BINGO. Full data QSL sheet in 2 months. [Lerner-NY]

VOICE OF THE ANGRY BASTARD. Two pink full QSL cards with a few nice comments from Pigmeat. Received in about 6 weeks for a FRN/ACE posting. [Sedlacek-NE]

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by: Chris Lobdell

I've taken the old list and eliminated stations that haven't been heard in a while, stations that I know no longer exist and any FM stations. I'm relying on you the readers to help keep this up-to-date, so look it over and send me any corrections or additions that you know of! Thanks.

## KEY:

BC = broadcast or broadcasting  
FR = Free Radio  
mx = music  
R = Radio  
RF = Radio Free  
Intl = International  
Svc = Service  
Vo = Voice of  
Vot = Voice of the  
Vox = Voice  
WW = Worldwide

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Box 24, Lula, GA 30554:  
RBCN/R Bob's Comm Net

Box 29, Wilton, ME 04294:  
WRX/Jimmy the Weasel

Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214:  
CKLW, CSIC, East Coast Beer Drinker, F Hope Experience, Ground Zero R., He Man R, R Cochiguaz, R Marabu, R Metallica WW, R Neptune Universal Svc, R Pirana Intl, Vot Purple Pumpkin, WLIS.

Box 293, Merlin, ONT N0P 1W0, Canada:  
Blind Faith R, CSIC, Happy Hanukkah, Laser Hot Hits, R Gemini, R. Marabu, R Merlin Intl, R Toronto, Vo Juliet.

Box 422, Wellsville, NY 14895:  
WDRR

Box 1212, Dunedin, NZ:  
Southern Music R

Box 3103, Onekawa, Napier, NZ:  
KIWI (NZ), R G'day (Aust), Radio Sue (NZ), Radio Eureka Intl [AU]

Box 11522, Huntsville, AL 35814:  
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Box 28413, Providence, RI 02908:  
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Box 69, Elkhorn, NE 68022  
KIPM, Mystery Science Radio

## When contacting a Free Radio station:

Always use the address announced in the broadcast; it is the most current. If no address is announced, use the one listed here.

Happy Thanksgiving!

# CLANDESTINE PROFILE

by George Zeller

Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2100 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my [georgez@nacs.net](mailto:georgez@nacs.net) address, with <http://www.nacs.net/~georgez> providing access to my web page.

## AFGHANISTAN CLANDESTINES

Unless you have been in a cave for the last couple of months, you are well aware that the daily news is dominated by the war in Afghanistan. In fact, even if your name is Osama Bin Laden and you have been in a cave for the last couple of months, you are also aware of this fact. Thus, we are faced with a difficult clandestine radio column to write this month, given the fact that there is breaking news on just about a daily basis. By the time you are reading your monthly copy of *The ACE*, it's just about certain that things will have changed. Thus, I give the same advice that I gave last month. A regular check of the internet clandestine radio sources is just about mandatory under the current circumstances. It is certain that people are also following the same advice at the Defense Department, the State Department, the CIA, and other governmental departments. Nick Grace and Martin Schoech have created the most valuable web site in the history of shortwave radio. As usual, <http://www.clandestineradio.com/> is the URL to check. If you haven't put this one into your browser bookmarks by now, then there is either something wrong with your computer or with its operator.

Having said that, and knowing that things are changing regularly, a review of what has happened through mid-October is useful. As we pointed out last month, the Taliban long ago made the decision that they don't need any radio services in English that are audible in North America. This remains the case. You can't hear any statements direct from the Taliban on any shortwave stations. Since Pakistan is the only country in the world that maintains diplomatic relations with the Taliban government in Afghanistan, and since even that is a technicality because everybody has decided that one country has to be present in Kabul for diplomatic channel purposes, it is obvious that nobody in the world says that there is a functioning recognized government in Afghanistan. Thus, by definition, all radio stations in the country are clandestines.

But, the number of Afghanistan clandestine transmitters is diminishing rapidly. As covered thoroughly by Clandestine Radio Watch, the Taliban's Voice of Shari'a shortwave transmitter was actually logged by Yuki Sakagami in Japan while suffering suddenly from ferocious bubble jamming. (CRW did not cite a frequency, but said that this happened around 1600 UTC on October 9). CRW goes on to say that the jamming suddenly ceased, after which the audio from the Voice of Shari'a disappeared. CRW notes that this coincided with a bombing attack at that time. Both the [clandestineradio.com](http://www.clandestineradio.com) web site and the Radio Netherlands Media Network web sites have recordings of the last minutes of this station, if you'd like to hear it.

BBCM, cited via DXLD and CRW, reported that the Kabul studios of Afghan radio had been hit by British air strikes on October 7. But, since programs were heard at least two days later, it is certain that the Taliban have more than one radio program production site. As any pirate operator could confirm, it isn't too hard to set up a location to produce radio shows.

CRW notes that the Associated Press on the same day noted that it is likely that USA transmitters located on aircraft will probably be playing a role in clandestine broadcasting soon, if they aren't already.

Earlier yet, CRW reported that a radio program supporting former Afghanistan King Zahir Shah was scheduled for imminent production. This one allegedly will operate via local translators installed in the Afghan mountains, with no frequency or station name yet available. Program content will supposedly consist of Afghan opposition shows, from both the Northern Alliance and other ethnic opposition groups. Relays of international broadcasters such as the BBC are reportedly scheduled for this one. In CRW, Nick Grace noted that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has confirmed the general strategy of using radio as part of a psychological warfare operation.

## CAN WE HEAR ANY OF THIS?

As noted in *The ACE* last month, several Asian DXers have been noting the Voice of Shari'a on various frequencies around 7080 kHz at 0100-0300 and 1500-1710 UTC, at least prior to the transmitter site bombings. Many have noted considerable 40 meter ham QRM on this frequency, which is no surprise. But, I have scoured various DX loggings sources, and I have not seen anybody in North America who has logged any of these shows. The 40 meter transmissions just before noon and after noon local time in North America are of course impossible catches, given simple propagation deduction. The 0100 broadcast should theoretically be able to get through under exceptional conditions, but this doesn't look likely at all.

In some last minute information, however, it appears easy to hear what looks like the first in a series of anti-Afghanistan stations. For this information, we credit Jerry Berg (Massachusetts), Harald Kuhl (Germany), Tony Rogers (UK), and Victor Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka), all via DXplorer. The so-far unidentified station operates on 8700 kHz in upper sideband, with obviously anti-Afghanistan programming. The station has been logged between 1600-1730 UTC, but this schedule is subject to change or expansion. Early speculation is that this is a feeder transmission for an American psychological warfare operation against Afghanistan. This speculation has been confirmed by mid-October by BBCMS. If you hear this one, let us know.

## WHAT MEDIA ARE THE TALIBAN USING?

Since their radio services are becoming more useless by the day, you might think that the Taliban and Osama Bin Laden would be somewhat strapped for media coverage. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Osama Bin Laden has been seen regularly on a worldwide basis through carefully timed and scripted videotapes. These have been delivered to the Al Jazeera Satellite Channel in Qatar. If you're interested in this worldwide Arabic news and entertainment network, it has a <http://www.aljazeera.net/> web site. But, the whole site is in Arabic, so you will need some language skills that most of us don't possess.

## USA TRIES TO CENSOR VOICE OF AMERICA AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

It was widely reported in the USA press that in early October the USA government encouraged censorship of both the Voice of America and USA domestic news networks. As reported in the October 9 *Washington Post*, the Defense Department attempted to force the Voice of America to remove any statements by Osama Bin Laden from its news. After internal bickering, the VOA nevertheless aired some of Bin Laden's comments on an edited basis. New VOA director Robert R. Reilly confirmed this policy before a meeting of VOA staff, according to the *Post*.

About the same time, President Bush requested that USA commercial networks refrain from broadcasting any Osama Bin Laden remarks. The logic of the President was that Bin

Laden might be sending coded messages to his agents through the speeches. This logic persuaded a few media outlets for a brief time, but most eventually came to their senses. The logic was of course ridiculous. All of Bin Laden's remarks had already been aired repeatedly by Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, which is not censoring or editing them very much. A quashing of the Bin Laden remarks would obviously not prevent them from being broadcast. If agents want to hear what Osama has to say, they can easily view him on Qatar TV.

### SHORTWAVE RADIO SALES BOOMING

Meanwhile, as reported in October by *US News and World Report*, sales of shortwave radios have increased by over 40% as a result of the war. The magazine cited Fred Osterman of Universal Radio in Columbus as one of its sources for the sudden interest in receivers. Veteran ACE members will remember a similar phenomenon that took place during the Gulf War of the early 1990's.

The number of direct targets on shortwave this time is considerably diminished in comparison with broadcasting during the Gulf War. Some of the Gulf War broadcasts included virtually live Scud missile explosions on Kol Israel. As most SWBC DXers know, several middle eastern countries maintain daily 500 Kw transmitters with daily programming, some of which is in English. Even some direct military communications were audible in the ute bands back then, coming in via very long skip at a time of high sunspots. Virtually none of that is available this time, especially given the silence of Afghanistan as we mentioned above. Thus, there is a potential for many novice shortwave listeners to be disappointed by what they can hear on their new receivers. Continuing the pattern of the early 1990's, this new shortwave boom could be followed by a bust caused by failure of new listeners to have their expectations fulfilled.

There is, however, a vast array of normal shortwave broadcasts coming from countries around the world. I have noticed myself that the slant in Afghanistan coverage varies widely between many stations. Almost all of them, including the BBC, are giving much more coverage to anti-USA demonstrations than we are seeing on domestic media. So, even if you can hear more of Osama Bin Laden on CNN than you can hear on shortwave, there is still plenty of fascinating war coverage on the shortwave bands.

### MT COVERS THE UTILITY ANGLE

Larry Van Horn of *Monitoring Times* magazine checks in to report that the November issue of *MT* expects to have extensive coverage of military utility frequencies that exploded with activity after September 11. We shouldn't forget that this war is not being fought entirely in Afghanistan. Air Force fighters are being routinely scrambled in the USA, sometimes escorting commercial flights of flying patrols over cities. The Coast Guard has increased its activity considerably. The list of utility frequencies used by operations like this is a long one. I anticipate that *Popular Communications* will likely run some coverage along these lines very shortly as well. All of this is a little out of my area of expertise, but it might pay to check the regular commercial magazines for frequencies that are being widely heard.

### LAST MINUTE UNITED PATRIOT RADIO INFORMATION

We have last minute information on Steve Anderson of United Patriot Radio that has been forwarded by Tom Severt. Although events are breaking, and this is not yet confirmed, I'll print Tom's two messages without editing. Rumors in the first message obviously has been contradicted by the second message. The first message comes from a guy named M. R. Grigsby.

### MESSAGES:

To all on the list, this information might be of interest. Stephen H. Anderson, allegedly opened fire last date on Bell County KY Sheriff's Deputy, in Bell County KY. A female has been confirmed dead. Details are sketchy at this time. Kentucky State Police Special Responses Team in on the scene, and it is believe (sic) that Anderson is on foot at this time in the mountains. I will post further information as it becomes available.

Reference to M.R. Grigsby's info about Anderson:

At approximately 2000hrs (Easten time) 10/14/01, Bell Co., KY, SD made a traffic stop on Stephen Anderson, where he exited from the vehicle and fired multiple rounds striking the police vehicle with an AK-47. There was NO ONE shot. He is still at large. Officials have his vehicle and other devices found within, in custody. Per KSP at approximately 0925 hrs (Eastern time).

### THANKS!

The input of ACE members and other DXers is vitally important to this column, and to all other ACE columns. This month our topical coverage was targeted narrowly, so our normal stable of diversity among our contributors has been temporarily suspended. Nevertheless, we thank Martin Schoech (Germany), Larry Van Horn (North Carolina), Tom Severt (Kansas), Jerry Berg (Massachusetts), Harald Kuhl (Germany), Tony Rogers (UK), Victor Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka) and George Zeller (Ohio) for providing material. Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by November 15 for the December *Clandestine Profile*.

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## Micro'casting

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We're always looking for information regarding the hobbies of LPFM, Part 15 broadcasting, equipment, homebrew articles or anything related to these hobby practices, so please submit YOUR goods to the address(es) above before the 20th of the month. Thanks!

**SORRY FOLKS:** Seems like I missed one deadline, then my line of communications got cut and I assumed a previous article would get used...but you know what "assume" gets you, right? Hence my absence, so I apologize to you, the readers and to my editor Harry. Maybe I can offer a bite of turkey and a cranberry to stay in good graces? Lots going on, so let's get with it, shall we?

**STATION PROFILES:** Got some pals "out there" who have come through with station information! First is the Good Doctor of Solid Rock Radio; The Doc claims TWO studios, transmit with 2-1/2 watts FM into a tuned commercial antenna and get solid 5 miles in range. Local officials have visited the station and are in process of getting local AND federal funding to keep it going. Doc & Co. teach kids 14 to 21 on radio basics and these students help run the station! For more info, or to listen to their streamed audio, go to [www.solidrockradio.net](http://www.solidrockradio.net) and give a listen!

Another from pal "Kevin" who is running a Part 15 FM out west somewhere. "The Rock" has been a learning experience for him; he quit a lucrative business to delve full-time into radio and seems to be making a living at it, I suppose! If I'm not mistaken, he's running a Ramsey FM-100; listeners from as far away as five miles have either installed long-range receiving antennas or added preamps to be able to hear "Kevin".

And from a post on the ACE Post via e-mail, there's "K D Radio" who is "still on 1210 and 102.3 from northern Thousand Oaks" and who has operated Part 15-legal since 1982! Talk about a "golden oldie"! Another post listed another station on 88.3 in Maryland, calling play-by-plays for a go-cart races with light country music in between comments; Dan Oetting mentioned the signal received stretched "a good 8 miles or so."

**BAD NEWS:** And also from the ACE Post e-mail- Rev. Rick Strawcutter of Radio Free Lenawee was yanked off the air in early October by federal Judge Gerald Rosen of the U.S. District Court in Detroit. The judge allowed U.S. Marshalls to seize some radio equipment.

I agree with Harry Helms: after ALL these years, it looks like the FCC is selective in who they go after; other stations still continue to stay on with no interference from the government. Looks like if one muddies the waters with conservative/right-of-moderate or other programming the government sees as "dangerous", they'd be the target, whereas the liberal stations enjoy impunity to operate. Don't get me started, nine of the ten voices in my head told me to stay home & clean guns today....

I'll leave the details to George Zeller, since it fits in his realm, but did you hear about Steve Anderson of United Patriot Radio? He's the type that gives actual patriots a bad name, especially after he unloaded on local law officers....

Until next time, thanks for tuning in! Thanks go to Harry Helms, "Kevin" of "The Rock", "The Doctor" of Solid Rock radio, Dan Oetting, the ACE Pirate Radio List and YOU, who make it happen by reading the writings of ACE columnists. have a great Thanksgiving! de Bud



## Covert Comms

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This month I'd like to go over some old information I had that is of interest to numbers monitors. Back on September 21st, an intelligence analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency was charged with spying for Cuba. Ana Belen Montes, 44 was arrested at the Defense Intelligence headquarters in Washington, DC in September. Montes specialized in Cuba matters in the agency.

Montes maintained contact with her Cuban handlers by calling pagers from pay phones and punching in coded numerical messages. FBI agents served a search warrant on Montes' apartment in Washington and recovered a laptop computer with 11 pages of material. The interesting part for us spy numbers monitors is, part of the text were instructions on shortwave radio reception and included references to "the numbers that you receive via radio." The text consisted of 150 sets of numerical groups. The text begins with 30107 24624. The FBI was able to determine that the number messages match exactly number broadcasts monitored on 7887 kHz AM, on February 6, 1999. According to the complaint filed by the FBI, the broadcast was of a woman speaking Spanish and began with the words "Atencion." We all know this station as the Cuban V2 station.

In a previous column some time back, I mentioned that we numbers monitors never have any hard, factual evidence to prove that numbers stations are actually used by intelligence agencies to send messages to spies. Now it looks as if we have the "smoking gun" to prove that we actually know what we're talking about. The complaint stated that the technique of receiving coded data over shortwave radio is common with Cuban intelligence, and is the same method that 10 convicted Cuban spies arrested in Miami used to communicate with their handlers. It's presumed, but not stated in the complaint for obvious reasons, that other intelligence agencies use the same means of communications.

Personally, I'm glad to see this little tidbit of information come to light. In the past, there was rampant speculation as to what numbers stations are really used for. Theories ranged from international banking communications, reporting snowfall amounts in the Alps, to even secret government communications with UFO's. Now, any time someone raises doubts, all we have to do is point to this. But, of course, don't think you'll convince any UFO enthusiasts otherwise.

For the longest time, probably not long after the birth of radio, a need for communications security was realized. One of the first and most enduring methods used to encode messages is by using either number or letter code groups. The German Enigma machine was invented in the 1920's and encoded text into five-letter groups. I don't know of any earlier uses of code groups for encryption, but I'm sure some methods were probably in use.

The upshot of all this is, letter or number code groups are an effective means of passing secure information. Different methods of encoding have been used with varying levels of success against cryptanalysis efforts, but the same method of transmission has essentially remained the same. And the same method will probably be used long into the future, barring any new, revolutionary breakthroughs in secure communications. So until any country's version of "Q" develops a wristwatch communications device, the real James Bonds out there will still rely on shortwave radio.



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